



LOTA STATE SCHOOL Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families

Yesterday Lota State School hosted a Cluster Enrichment Day. Last year the cluster Principals in the Wynnum Manly State Education Alliance launched an initiative whereby each school would host an enrichment and extension day for identified students. Yesterday was Lota's turn to host. Mr Willis and Mr MacKenzie organised activities around the topic of Healthy Lifestyles which included fitness training, healthy bodies as well as information and preparation of a healthy lunch. Four students from each school in our cluster, plus students from our school, participated in the day.

Today our campers set off on the last Adventurers' Club Camp for 2013 being held at Pottsville. Mrs Clarkson, Mr MacKenzie, families and students will return mid-day Saturday. This camp is a beach experience and after a walk along the beach from Hastings Point to the campsite, children will experience sleeping in tents, meal preparation, swimming and other activities along our beautiful coastline. We thank the teachers and Adventurers' Club for organising and running this camp and the families who are helping out during the three days. I am sure they will have fun!

Please note that this coming Monday 21st October is the last pupil free day for the year. We will be involved in professional development for the entire day. Topics to be discussed include: development of our Pedagogical Framework, Australian Professional Standards for Teachers and Leaders, planning for Personal Development Plans, giving quality feedback to students, having high expectations for student learning and the list goes on. Should you wish to discuss any of these topics please see me.

Class Allocation Process for 2014

During the P&C meeting, held on Tuesday night, I tabled the process which I employ for allocating classes for 2014. The process is as follows:

FOR YOUR DIARY

21/10/13	Pupil Free Day Monday
12/11/13	Crazy Hair Day

- Class teachers identify students who will be leaving the school in 2014
- Identification of Prep numbers for 2014.
- Principal identifies the class groupings.
- Class groups are published to teachers and Principal commences individual meetings with teachers to discuss class preferences.
- Teachers allocate children to classes (where applicable.)
- Class groupings published to parents - with the disclaimer that this may change with Education Queensland's Day 8 process.
- Class allocations published to parents. Parents will be notified what class their child has been allocated to in 2014.

Although I do accept requests from parents, please be aware that it can be hard to accommodate each request. Both myself, and the teachers who allocate students to classes will try our best to accommodate requests or discuss with you as to why we cannot.

Parents are asked to submit any Prep enrolment forms as soon as possible; or contact the office if your child is not returning to Lota in 2014. Once I have a firmer idea of numbers for next year I am able to commence the allocation process. I thank you for your support.

Swimming.

Swimming lessons for Years 1 – 3 have commenced. Due to large numbers of unpaid lessons in the past, it has been decided that if payment has not been made for two consecutive weeks your child will not attend swimming until payments are up to date.

P&C Meets - 3rd Tuesday of month 6.30pm (Resource Centre) - Tuckshop - each Wednesday and Friday - Admin open 8.00am - 3:00pm

Facilities

The following facilities have been completed:

1. Blinds for remainder of classrooms.
2. New locks on Prep and year four classroom doors.
3. Security alarm to remainder of classrooms.
4. Planting of our Environmental Club Citrus Grove (as published in the last newsletter.)

The following work will be scheduled for completion this year:

1. Grass seeding of Citrus Grove area.
2. Synthetic grass to areas in front of toilet stairs and southern side of large concrete pad.

These are jobs organised and paid for through school funds. This work does not include the Investing in Schools Maintenance jobs which were additional.

Prep Information Session

Thank you to Mrs Blanch, Miss Holley, Mrs Townsend and Mrs Albrecht who attended and presented at the recent Prep Information Session for 2014.

Thank you also to Mrs Andrews (P&C Treasurer) who attended on behalf of the P&C. Thanks again to the P&C who organised and hosted the parent morning tea the following day. It is always special to have existing school parents attend these events and talk to our new parents. Your support is appreciated.

PUPIL FREE DAY MONDAY 21/10/13

District Maths Masters

Yesterday seven Year 7 students competed in the District Maths Masters competition held at Moreton Bay Boys College. Along with students from all the local schools, Andrew, Hannah, Jack G, Jamie, Laura, Sam and Talita tried to solve five challenging Maths problems in 25 minutes. Andrew and Jamie were our most successful students, correctly solving four of the questions. Well done to all the students. Thanks go to Mrs Tillin and Ms Schembri for providing transport and supervision. The next competition will be 30 October.

Until next fortnight.

Regards
Kim Schembri

Year 8 2014 – Wynnum State High School
Wynnum High School is currently booking enrolment interviews on Wednesday afternoons.
If you have yet to book an interview please call the school office on 3906 7333 to secure a time.
If Wednesdays are not suitable an alternate day can be arranged.

GUNDALA KINDERGARTEN
416 Tingal Road, Wynnum North
OPEN DAY
Free Sausage Sizzle
Saturday 26 October 10am - 2pm
BYO your own soft drink
For more info contact **0402 597 755**
or **gwen.gundala@gmail.com**

On **Tuesday 12th November** student council will be holding a special 'gold coin' fundraiser to raise money for Parkinson's Queensland. If you would like to dress up with crazy hair and glasses, a gold coin donation is required. There will be a prize for each class, to the student with the best and most 'out of this world' hair and glasses design.

Ice-cups will be sold on the day for 50c.



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